

In immediate parent application Serial No. 09/563,461, restriction was required as between three groups. In the parent application, Group II claims were elected for initial prosecution. This application is being filed to present the claims that were directed to non-elected Group I in the parent, with certain changes having been made for purpose of clarification.

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith citing the art of record in the parent. In accordance with Office practice, no copies of the cited references are submitted herewith. Of course, copies of any reference will be provided upon request.

**Note regarding power of attorney and correspondence address. The proper attorneys and correspondence address are those listed on the application data sheet submitted herewith.** The information listed on the copy of the declaration has been superseded in previous applications and should be ignored.

The specification and drawings of this divisional application are presented with only the newly presented claims and include certain amendments from the parent application and to list the lineage under Section 120, as is required. However, no new matter has been entered by the amendments. The drawings likewise are presented as formal drawings that include the change to Figure 1 presented in the parent application. Once again, this change does not add new matter.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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